

SERVER CHASSIS HARDWARE MASTER  
SYSTEM AND METHOD

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A system and method for selecting a hardware master  
from a plurality of computing devices and controlling the  
communication of a master control signal(s) to one or  
more of the plurality of computing devices includes  
monitoring first and second connectors coupled with a  
midplane to detect the presence of first and second  
computing devices, respectively. Master control signals  
may be transmitted to the second computing device if the  
10 first computing device is not coupled with the first  
connector. Transmission of the master control signals to  
the second computing devices may be prevented if the  
first computing device is coupled with the first  
connector. In accordance with a particular embodiment of  
15 the present invention, master control signals may be  
transmitted to the first computing device if the first  
computing device is coupled with the first connector.

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